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Today, 20th May 1946, there appears before myself:
Joseph Goofried Benders, Capt. Special Services, Head of the Netherlands
War Crimes Investigation Team, Singapore at: The Jevanese Camp, Soengoi
Besi, Kuala Lumpur, a person, who, on enquiry, declares himself to be:
Name: REBO 32 years old
Civilian Occupation: Foreman on a sugar estate.
Address: The Javanese Camp, Soengei Besi, Kuala Lumpur.
Future address: Solo.

. Can you give any information concerning acts of violence committed against yourself or others, which you have witnessed?

About two years ago my village chief came to tell me that I had to work for the Japanese; if I did not do this voluntarily I would be expelled from my village. I was assured that I need not work outside Jave. I ded not dare to ignore the village chief's order. We were collected from our houses, and after 24 hours were taken to Batavia by train. In Solo we received f.10, - and were then able to buy a coat or shirt for f.1.25. Raden Mahoen of Solo paid us. We remained in Batavia for 11 days and had to do all kinds of work there. Wo stayed at Kemajoran. From Batavia we were transported to Singapore by an unknown ship and by unknown Japanese. We were 24 hours in Singapore and then went to Tendjoong Pinang. I worked as a coolie at felling tress. Here a Japanese soldier Yamada acted as head. He never did anything to us. Under him worked the Japanese Soedo. He was very bad. He acted as superintendent. We regularly received too little food; rice three times a day with "Kankoeng" (Tr. Note; kind of native vegetable resembling watercress) as vegetable, and a little dried fish. So when we tried to supplement this by buying in the hamlet and Soedo found it out, we were thrashed with a rattan or even with the fist. Every day he beat many people for all sorts of reasons. One day a Jevanese, since deceased, had stolen a few peanuts. I have forgotten the name of the Javaneso. We were then assembled with about 300 coolies and foremen, and thrashed by Soedo, the Japanese Sako, and a few Hei-hos (Tr. Note: Indonesian Japanese trained auxiliary militia). The name of the thief had to be made known. The latter was caught and again beaten up with the rattan cane. He was tied to a tree in a sitting position with his hands on his back for seven days and seven nights, by day in the burning sun. He got nothing to eat, but was given something to drink. After seven days he was untied; he could no longer walk and was led to the sick-barrack by his friends. There he remained for about ten days and died. I myself was present at his burial. I know for certain that he died as a result of the maltreatm nt, because he was perfectly healthy before that. I doom Soeda to be the murderer. All this was also witnessed by the Javanese Wakijem, who is living in this same camp.

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If we worked, we receifed f. 1.—per day. We were paid once a month. When we were sick we received sufficient medical treatment and medicines. As already mentioned, the food was far from sufficient. Our meal consisted merely of one small cup of rice. There were about 750 men in our came, of whom perhaps 400 died in nine months. There were many sick, suffering especially from dysentery, malaria, beri-beri. Only after there had been many deaths, did we get mosquito nets. We remained for almost nine months in our camp, situated between Tg. Pinang and Sekidjang, and then removed to Meriboe (Kelang), from where I escaped to the hamlet in which I have stayed until the capitulation.

VERIFICATION BY THE WITNESS

I, the undersigned REBO, mentioned above, hereby declare that I was led in and heard on oath by the interrogator, who informed me that the oath taken by me was still binding upon me, and having heard my above sworn statement read to me in my native language and shown to me, I declare that it is a true and accurate statement.

Oath administered by:

Kuala Lumpur, 22nd May 1946

Sd/ Peng. Moeslim

The witness abovenamed:

Sd/ Rebo

The above statements have been signed in my presence and this official record has been truly drawn up and subsequently signed by myself, the interrogator.

On 22nd May 1946 at Kuala Lumpur, Javanese Camp

The abovenamed interrogator:

Sd/ Capt. J. G. Benders

Certified a true copy: Head of the Netherlands War Crimes Investigation Team, Singapore Sd/ J. G. Benders DOCUMENT 5707

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, CHARLES JONGEREEL, Captain R.N.I.A., Head of the War Crimes Section of NETHERLANDS FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NEFIS) being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that the annexed Dutch documents, entitled:

Affidavit of REEO, mandoer, dated 22 May 1946.

concerning illtreatment of "romusha" (forced coolies) by the Japanese authorities in the coolie-camps in Malaya and neighborhood,

have been taken from the official records of the MEDIS.

SIGNATURE :

Sd/ Ch. Jongoneol

BATAVIA, 23 July 1946.

Subscribed and sworn to before mc, K.A.de WEERD, LL.D. first Lieutenant R.N.I.A., Senior Official attached to the Office of the Attorney - General, N.E.I.

Sd/ K. A. do Weerd

軍情報部へ公司候員り得るとととう該言える、下正式三宮草、上在記標題、係附如開語文書に知聞了軍情報部數及衛印軍大群なした、ラングルといる

た須頭しよ」、宮空日内は書百官門方は日本官事の「依に為都者」(預別苦力)、を侍三角一在門、在己本官事の「依に為務者」(預別苦力)、を侍三角一九門六年一昭弘三一年一五月三日所 馬来」及「其八少は一古力状

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面前一人者去頭心質問と所次、如子者たこり言る犯罪調查團長好務大解「ヨセアガリ・アリアン」以達人「まとか」、於え余、計書は」知情歌等の本日一九四六年(昭如二十一年)五月二十日「ちょいかり」、久

Sed. 7世一 年令 甘二十

職業 动精图苦力監督

食計 よういろれん スングー かひり 八達人キャング

原末、住所 ソロー

五本の下の日野子は世界下久、他二村、高かいりに日本

お上衣又、いゃてう胃ろしかおまり、ひらしょうかごのまりにの一角三十五仙百一百年之、家のうとで、十首を見らいしかう一右三十五仙百千百里、泉京寺で、京都を、京寺寺ららってらり、おは長、命令う敢う世祖をららいしまら、おれれのはは、計を御しまり、おはの一番は、は、村の一番のまった、は、村の一番の一日では、村では、日本人、女と一間からいまった。」を行為一間、何の一番ないらよ出まにす

新者物は三輪送せる私達、三古時間、新書は、三居りり入者は一年入名、刊る都了及り刊るり刊るりまる一次の一日入るり、日本人一後の「ことすら、私達、「十一日間、いろいて、一個の甘春を、凡に種類、仕事私達」」支持ら

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本強人三日心意明

テ且正確ナルモノナルコトラ言明スマし月まり目をして、とりまかとかを失ことなると目ですとりにって、上門と正かしかいった、一切と言明と、全一時と余、一田國於デ榜不会り初東スルモノルを了通告をし初問者、三日日本内中に宮余、下記署名者上化、した」、第二余が余、十七八百五季へお

シャンララッカーラ 一大田大学一段ない工事人は中一生

华 宣誓原理者

上の大量人できた

等名/シーケーンデルス「新書物事前直傳を京正局」といった一層成入了して、コトラ管成スを名/カーケー、ご子にス大は上が視門者

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